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1. SUMMARY. PRIMIN JAMSHI AMOUEZGAR'S CABINET RECEIVED UNANIMOUS VOTES OF CONFIDENCE FROM MAJLES (LOWER HOUSE) AUG 25 AND SENATE (UPPER HOUSE) AUG 27 AFTER UNPRECEDENTED SERIES OF LENGTHY SPEECHES IN PARLIAMENT. MOST DEPUTIES AND SENATORS ACCEPTED AMOUEZGAR'S PROGRAM, BUT MANY STRESSED THAT NEW GOVT MUST IMPLEMENT PAPER PROMISES (OF PREVIOUS GOVTS) AND REALIZE MEASURABLE GOALS. IMPLICIT IN THEIR SPEECHES WAS CRITICISM OF FORMER HOVEYDA GOVTS LACK OF SUCCESS IN HOUSING, AGRICULTURAL, AND EDUCATIONAL SECTORS. END SUMMARY.

2. LEVEL OF LEGISLATORS' INTEREST IN NEW GOVT WAS HIGH BY IRANIAN STANDARDS. PREVIOUS VOTES OF CONFIDENCE HAVE GENERALLY BEEN PRO FORMA. 25 DEPUTIES AND 8 SENATORS SPOKE FOR TOTAL OF 22 HOURS. THEIR REMARKS RECEIVED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN FARSI AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS. IN CONTRAST TO PAST OCCASIONS, AMOUEZGAR AND HIS CABINET ATTENDED ALL MAJLES AND SENATE SESSIONS.

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3. DEPUTIES AND SENATORS REITERATED FAMILIAR THEMES AS THEY EXHORTED NEW GOVT TO FIND NEW SOLUTIONS FOR HOUSING, AGRICULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS. THEY ALSO CALLED FOR MORE HONESTY AND OPENNESS IN GOVT, FOR MORE AUSTERITY AND EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOR FROM PUBLIC SERVANTS.

4. AMOUEZGAR ADDRESSED MAJLES AND SENATE. IN MAJLES AUG 25 HE

CALLED FOR RESISTANCE TO "A SPIRIT OF INDOLENCE AND SLOTH" WHICH HAS BEEN CAUSED BY EASY LIFE PAID FOR BY PETROLEUM REVENUES. HE STRONGLY ENDORSED IMPORTANT ROLE OF RASTAKHIZ PARTY IN NATIONAL DIALOGUE BUT POINTED OUT THAT GOVTS COMMITMENT TO SERVE THE PEOPLE MUST BE MATCHED BY PEOPLE'S COMMITMENT TO WORK HARD TO BUILD UP THE COUNTRY. HE SAID HIS GOVT WOULD CONCENTRATE ON HOUSING, EDUCATIONAL AND AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS AND WOULD REDUCE BUREAUCRACY AND RED TAPE TO A MINIMUM. IN SENATE ON AUG 27 HE EXPANDED ON THEME OF LUKAND OUR CHILDREN WILL HAVE NONE. WE CANNOT DO WHATEVER WE WISH WITH OUR OIL TO THE DETRIMENT OF FUTURE GENERATIONS... WE MUST HAND OVER A DEVELOPED IRAN TO FUTURE GENERATIONS." AMOUZEGAR ALSO CONDEMNED DISCRIMINATION OF ALL KINDS, WELCOMED GREATER PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN NATIONAL ACTIVITY AND CALLED FOR GREATER ROLE OF PRIVATE SECTOR IN IRANIAN DEVELOPMENT.

5. COMMENT: VIGOROUS PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON AMOUZEGAR AND NEW GOVT IS ANOTHER INDICATION OF SHAH'S CONSCIOUS POLICY TO ENCOURAGE MORE CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM AND MORE OPEN GOVT. THAT RUMORED THAT AMOUZEGAR HAS BEEN GIVEN 3 TO 4 MONTHS TO PRODUCE RESULTS. SULLIVAN

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